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ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY

School Profile 2024-2025*

** Updated: August 2024*

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COMMUNITY DATA

Rockbridge Academy was established in 1995 to provide a distinctively classical Christian education in the historic area between the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, MD; it is approximately 35 minutes east of Washington, D.C.

AFFILIATION & ACCREDITATION

Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS), Moscow, ID
Accredited, January 2004; accreditation renewal, April 2022

STUDENT BODY*

445 TOTAL in junior kindergarten through high school
237 Grammar School (junior kindergarten-6th grade)
111 Dialectic (grades 7-9)
97 Rhetoric (grades 10-12)

HIGH SCHOOL

141 Students in grades 9-12
8:1 High School Student:Teacher ratio in grades 9-12

**Please note that these figures are projected and subject to change.*

CALENDAR

38 weeks; 2 semester grading system;
Seven 46-minute rotating class periods in grades 7-12.

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

28 teachers (21 full-time, 7 part-time); 18 with advanced degrees.
64% of our upper school faculty hold advanced degrees.

GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2025: 27 minimum credits – one credit for each yearlong course and .5 credit for each course that meets less than five days per week.



HONORS-LEVEL COURSEWORK

As an ACCS-accredited institution, we provide an honors-level curriculum for all students. Every core course from Latin to calculus represents academic depth and challenge. Though we operate according to a different educational methodology than AP or IB, the courses compare favorably in rigor. ***All high school literature, rhetoric, history, science, and math classes are taught at the honors level. Our advanced level Latin courses are also taught at the honors level.***

Beginning in Fall 2023, we have partnered with Colorado Christian University to curate a curriculum of over 15 courses as dual enrollment courses. Students choosing the dual enrollment option will receive high school credit from Rockbridge Academy and college credit from CCU, who will provide a separate transcript acknowledging the courses taken with grades and credits earned.

SUBJECT <i>*Honors Level</i>	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade	CREDIT HOURS
Theology	Systematic Theology	Bibliology & Hermeneutics	New Testament	Apologetics	4 credits
History*	European History II*	US History*	History of Great Ideas I*	History of Great Ideas II*	4 credits
Literature*	Late European Literature*	American Literature*	Literature of Antiquity & Christendom*	Modern Literature*	4 credits
Science* (Lab Courses)	Biology*	Chemistry I*	Physics* (Algebra-based) or Chemistry II*	Physics* (Calculus-based) or Anatomy and Physiology*	2-4 credits
Math*	Geometry*	Algebra II*	Pre-Calculus*	Calculus*	4 credits
		Algebra IIa*	Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry*	Pre-Calculus*	
Latin	Latin III Officium *	Latin IV Officium*			3 credits Includes one 8th grade Latin credit
	Latin III Meditatio	Latin IV Meditatio			
Spanish / Econ Option	Spanish I	Spanish II	Spanish I	Spanish II or Economics	2 credits
Rhetoric* <i>This class culminates in a 15-20 page thesis paper, a 15-minute speech, and defense with interlocutors.</i>			Rhetoric I*	Rhetoric II*	2 credits
Grand Tour / Seminar in Ideas <i>Grand Tour class culminates in a 17-day educational tour through Greece and Italy in the summer after Junior year.</i>			Grand Tour Class	Seminar in Ideas	1 credit

General Electives for .5 credit each

- Applied Environmental Science
- Biblical Greek
- Concert Choir
- Creating Algorithms: The Building Blocks of Computer Programming
- Mock Trial
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Studio Art
- Theology Through the Arts
- Yearbook

Total of 2 credits from any of above

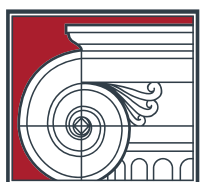
- Physical Education/ Interscholastic Sports

Total of 1 credit

27 minimum credits for graduation.

DISTINCTIVES

Rockbridge Academy is a classical Christian school, employing the centuries-proven methodology known as the Trivium: Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric. At the high school level (spanning Dialectic and Rhetoric), Rockbridge Academy's history and English program focuses on an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization as we know it. Special emphasis is given to the study of western culture. Classic works of our culture are studied within their historical settings and from a traditionally biblical perspective, which helps the students understand how these works and the people who wrote them were influenced by those historical settings. It also reveals the universal nature of the great works, which are classics precisely because they speak to all men through all ages. Emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills.



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GRADING

LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINT AVERAGE	NUMERICAL AVERAGE
A	4.0	90-100
B	3.0	80-89
C	2.0	70-79
F	0.0	0-69

SAT SUMMARY

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
ERW Mean – 664	ERW Mean – 660
Math Mean – 620	Math Mean – 588
TOTAL: 1284	TOTAL: 1248

PSAT SUMMARY

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
ERW Mean – 623	ERW Mean – 601
Math Mean – 526	Math Mean – 536
TOTAL: 1149	TOTAL: 1137

PERCENT OF GRADUATES MATRICULATING TO 4-YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:

CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
96%	83%
(+4% attending community college)	(+13% attending community college)

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
74%	97%
(+16% attending community college)	(+3% attending community college)

GRADING POLICY DURING (COVID-19) SPRING TRIMESTER 2020:

In order to “do no harm to students” when our school unexpectedly pivoted to fully remote instruction (March 13, 2020), Rockbridge Academy instituted a grading policy that allowed for passing spring trimester grades of B or C to be recorded as a passing grade of P. A passing P gave the student credit for passing the class while not impacting GPA either positively or negatively. If a student received a grade of A, that grade was recorded, and it was computed into the GPA. We resumed fully in-person instruction by September 2020.

GPA COMPUTATION

The GPA is determined in the following manner: all math and science classes are awarded a quality point of 3, all humanities are awarded a quality point of 2, and general electives are awarded a quality point of 1. The student’s average in any given subject garners its grade point average equivalent (see above). These two factors are then multiplied. For example: If a student receives an A+ average (GPA of 4.0) in a calculus class (quality point of 3), those two factors are multiplied for a total of 12. These totals are then added, along with the total number of quality points. The total is then divided by the total number of quality points for the final GPA. GPA is computed on all subjects in grades 9+, while also including 8th grade Algebra I and Latin II.

CUMULATIVE HONORS

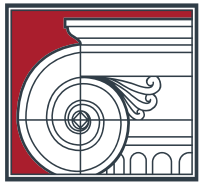
SUMMA CUM LAUDE: 3.7+
MAGNA CUM LAUDE: 3.5 - 3.69
CUM LAUDE: 3.25 - 3.49

CLASS RANKING POLICY

Because of the size of our student body (the class of 2025 totals 38 students), Rockbridge Academy does not rank its students.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CLASSES OF 2004-2024: In addition to 4 National Merit Scholars, 10 National Merit finalists, 1 National Merit semi-finalist, 2 National Achievement finalists, and 2 National Achievement semi-finalists, 61 of our 425 graduates received letters of commendation. As such, 18.8% of our graduates have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.



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COLLEGE CHOICES

Recent graduates of Rockbridge Academy have been accepted into the following four-year colleges and universities:

- American University
- ArtCenter College of Design
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Bob Jones University
- Calvin College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America, The (Honors)
- Cedarville University
- Clemson University (Honors College)
- Cornell University
- Covenant College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University (Honors College)
- Eastman School of Music
- Elon University
- Emory University
- Franciscan University
- Geneva College
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Honors Program)
- Gordon College
- Grove City College
- High Point University
- Hillsdale College
- Indiana University (Bloomington)
- James Madison University (Honors College)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Liberty University
- Loyola University Maryland (Honors College)
- Messiah College (Honors)
- Miami University, Ohio
- Michigan State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University, The
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University (Honors Program)
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Salisbury University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Southern Methodist University (Honors)
- Syracuse University
- Taylor University
- Texas A & M University
- Towson University (Honors College)
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Hartford
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (Honors)
- University of Maryland, College Park (Honors College)
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh (Honors)
- University of Richmond
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (Honors College)
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University (Honors)
- Washington & Lee University
- Webb Institute
- Westmont College
- Wheaton College
- William & Mary, The College of
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute